

## Child Protection Foundation Training

# Drug Endangered Child Protocol



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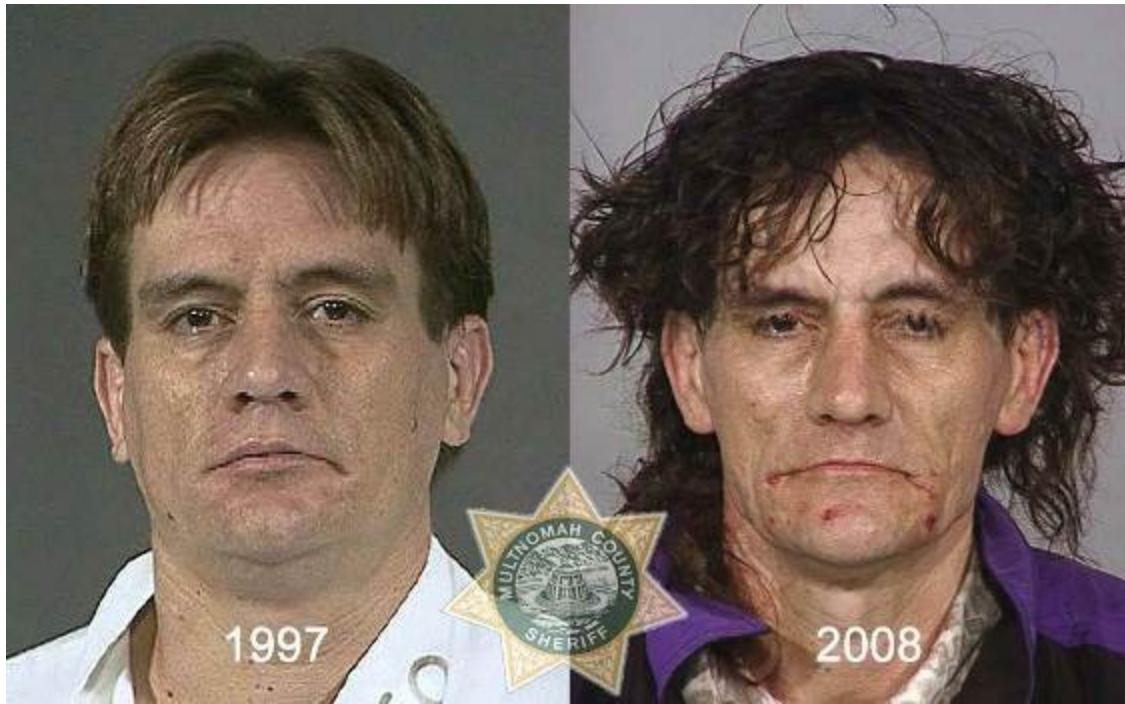
# Core Competency

- ▶ Assess the need for Law Enforcement involvement regarding a Drug-Endangered Child (DEC).



# *Video: Tweaked*

**Watch for the effects of drug use.**





[MethNet Home Page](#)

[Recognizing Meth](#)

[Understanding Meth](#)

[Strategies for Fighting Meth](#)

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## METH RESOURCES AND LINKS

Attorney General Lisa Madigan provides links to other Web sites where Illinoisans can learn more about:

### General Information About Meth

#### [U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration](#)

General facts about meth and meth use; information regarding initiatives, busts, and arrests by the DEA; statistics and charts related to the number of times meth (and other drugs) are mentioned in emergency departments; and maps of all meth lab seizures since 1999.

#### [Institute for Intergovernmental Research](#)

Information for law enforcement research and training. Includes a question and answer guide that addresses key concerns regarding meth and provides pertinent pictures.

#### [MethResources.gov](#)

Information on meth and meth addiction, statistics, news, and links to other resources.

*Video: Hidden Dangers*

**Watch for safety tips and warnings**

# Safety Tips

1. Keep 7-10 foot distance from user
2. Slow your speech and lower the pitch of your voice
3. Slow your movements
4. Keep your hands visible
5. Keep the user talking

# DCFS Safety Procedures

1. Make immediate contact with Officer in Charge (OIC).
2. Contact children AFTER you have been briefed by OIC.
3. Enter home only when necessary, and after Site Safety Officer has deemed the area safe. Never enter when protective clothing is required.

# DCFS Safety Procedures (Cont'd)

- ▶ When transporting children that may have been contaminated, DCFS needs to take protective measures as deemed necessary by the Site Safety Officer.
- ▶ **Do NOT take children's personal clothing or toys if there is a possibility of contamination.**



# Hazards and Conditions

- ▶ Drugs and drug paraphernalia
- ▶ Exposure to toxic chemicals
- ▶ Booby traps
- ▶ Exposed wiring
- ▶ Refrigerator and chemicals
- ▶ Sleeping areas
- ▶ Guns and weapons
- ▶ Pornographic materials
- ▶ Mobile labs



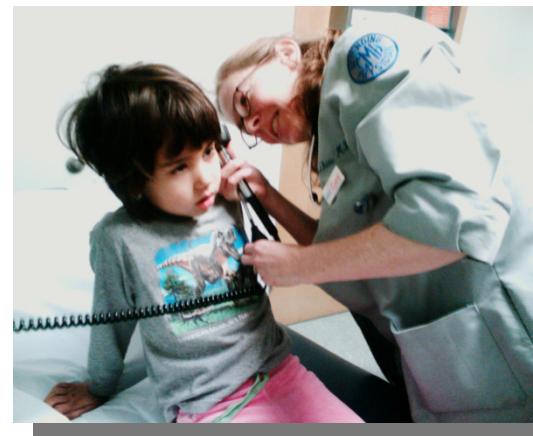
# Field Medical Assessment Protocol

- ▶ If a child is in distress, summon emergency medical staff to the scene
- ▶ A medical assessment should be done for each child found at a meth lab within 3 hours after the worker leaves the site with the child



# Immediate Care Protocol

- ▶ Child should be seen in an ER within 3 hours of leaving site
- ▶ Follow “routine” emergency medical care PLUS the DEC protocol
- ▶ Request urine sample within 12 hours – should be made to test the sample at any detectable level



# Activity - Jasko Report

- 1. How often did CPSW assess past or current use of parental substance misuse or abuse?**
- 2. What questions did CPSW use to assess substance misuse or abuse?**
- 3. Are there any red flags related to parental substance misuse or abuse?**
- 4. Were CPSW prepared for there to have been meth use in each subsequent report?**



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# Jasko Case Revisited

- ▶ How often was the family asked to seek medical treatment?
- ▶ How often did the doctors confirm the children were actually seen?
- ▶ Were all prescriptions filled?
- ▶ How would a Claim Detail of the parent impact your investigative findings?



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# DEC Protocol – Summary



- ▶ **Coordinated response starts before case initiation**
- ▶ Safety issues
- ▶ Evidence Collection
- ▶ Documentation of Hazardous Conditions
- ▶ Medical Protocols